

3.10 PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and recreational facilities were identified within 0.8 kilometer (0.5 mile) of the SR-22/West Orange County Connection project, including parks, golf courses, tennis facilities, trails, and schools with recreational facilities.

3.10.1 Parks and Recreational Facilities

The public parks and recreational facilities within 0.8 kilometer (0.5 mile) of the proposed project are listed in Table 3.10-1 and shown in Figure 3.10-1. There were a total of 20 parks and two golf courses identified within this area. The parks and golf courses directly adjacent to the proposed project segments are discussed below.

A. OLD RANCH TENNIS CLUB

Located adjacent to I-405 in Seal Beach, this 2.8-hectare (7-acre) site contains sixteen tennis courts; a clubhouse that includes a kitchen, lounge area, pro shop, and office area; a locker/shower and restroom facility; and a workout room. Currently owned by the Bixby Company, the Old Ranch Tennis Club facility is planned for dedication to the City of Seal Beach. Future plans for the site include development of a community center, splash pool, and skate park, in conjunction with the existing tennis facility.

B. BLUE BELL PARK

This park is a 0.53-hectare (1.3-acre) community park, located in Seal Beach at the corner of Almond Street and Aster Street, north of I-405 near the Seal Beach Boulevard off-ramp. The park includes one basketball court, a picnic area with three tables, and a grass field. The park is easily accessible by car and foot, but has no designated parking areas. The surrounding land uses consist of single-family residential to the north and east with I-405 and the Old Ranch Tennis Club to the south and west.

C. ALMOND PARK

Almond Park is a 0.73-hectare (1.8-acre) community park located in Seal Beach at the corner of Almond Avenue and Oleander Street. The park includes one basketball court, a picnic area with three tables, a playground, and an open grass field. The park is easily accessible by both car and foot and is located approximately 0.8 kilometer (0.5 mile) southeast of Blue Bell Park. The surrounding land uses consist of single-family residential to the north, east, and west, with I-405 located directly to the south.

D. GARDEN GROVE PARK

This park is a 14.6-hectare (36-acre) community park, located in Garden Grove at 9301 Westminster Avenue. The park includes two baseball fields, two playgrounds, a public swimming pool, an arena soccer facility, and picnic areas with approximately 40 tables. The park has three major parking areas and is accessible from Westminster Avenue. The surrounding land uses include residential to the west, SR-22 to the north, Westminster Avenue to the south, and Bolsa Grande High School to the east.

E. PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMMEMORATIVE AREA

This is a small, passive open space area within the former Pacific Electric right-of-way that has been set aside by OCTA (who now owns the property) to commemorate the former railroad and the "Big Red Cars" which traveled on it from 1905 to 1950. It is at the corner of Trask Avenue and Newhope Street in Garden Grove. Although not a park, it is open to the public and has benches, pathways, landscaping, and other amenities so that it functions as a park. In addition, a

bronze plaque there states, "To remember this colorful part of Orange County's development, this corridor is dedicated to preserving the history of the 'Big Red Cars.'"

Table 3.10-1
CITY/REGIONAL PARKS AND GOLF COURSES
Within 0.8 kilometer (0.5 mile)

Name (City)	Location	Size in hectares (acres)	Current Use and Site Description	Map Ref. No.
Edison Park (Seal Beach)	99 College Dr.	4.0 (10)	Community Gardens (125), Sand Volleyball Court, Basketball Court, Tot Lot, Picnic Area, Open Turf, Softball Field	1
Rossmoor Park (Rossmoor)	3232 Hedwig St.	3.44 (8.5)	Baseball Fields (1 grass, 2 red-clay), Horse Shoe Pit, Volleyball Court, Basketball Court, Tennis Courts (4), Tot Lots (2)	2
Old Ranch Tennis Club (Seal Beach)	3901 Lampson Ave.	2.8 (7)	Tennis Courts (16), Clubhouse, Locker/Shower-Restroom Facility, Workout Room	3
Blue Bell Park (Seal Beach)	Almond Ave. & Bluebell St.	0.53 (1.3)	Basketball Court, Picnic Tables (3), Open Turf	4
Aster Park (Seal Beach)	Aster St. & Candle- berry Ave.	0.2331 (0.576)	Open Turf	5
Almond Park (Seal Beach)	4600 Almond Ave	0.73 (1.8)	Basketball Court, Picnic Tables (3), Playground, Open Turf	6
Heather Park (Seal Beach)	Lampson Ave. & Heather St.	0.65 (1.6)	Tennis Courts (2), Playground, Open Turf	7
Westgrove Park (Garden Grove)	5372 Cerulean Ave.	2.67 (6.6)	Basketball Court, Soccer Field, Playground, Picnic Tables (8), Recreation Office, Open Turf	8
Edgar Park (Garden Grove)	6203 Cerulean Ave.	2.43 (6.0)	Basketball Court, Playgrounds (2), Picnic Tables (5), Open Turf	9
Golden West Park (Westminster)	Siskiyou St. & Hood Dr.	0.69 (1.7)	Baseball Field, Playground, Picnic Tables (6), Restrooms, Open Turf	10
Garden Grove Park (Garden Grove)	9301 Westminster Ave.	14.6 (36)	Baseball Fields (2), Playgrounds (2), Picnic Tables (40), Swimming Pool, Miniature Soccer Fields (2)	11
Woodbury Park (Garden Grove)	13800 Rosita Pl.	1.34 (3.3)	Basketball Court, Pool, Playground, Restrooms, Open Turf	12
Twin Lakes Park (Garden Grove)	12952 Lampson Ave.	9.31 (23.0)	Lakes (2), Playground, Picnic Tables (20), Open Turf	19
Santiago Park (Santa Ana)	2535 N. Main St.	9.3 (23)	Baseball Field, Tennis Courts (2), Lawn Bowling, Play-grounds (2), Picnic Tables (20), Restrooms, Meeting Room, Open Turf, Trails	23
Willowick (Santa Ana)	3017 W. Fifth St.	40.9 (101)	18-Hole Public Golf Course, Clubhouse, Maintenance Facilities	13
Camposino Park (Santa Ana)	W. Fifth St. & Clinton St.	2.43 (6.0)	Basketball Court, Soccer/Football Field, Picnic Area, Play-ground	14
Spurgeon Park (Santa Ana)	W. Fifth St.	0.85 (2.1)	Baseball Fields (3), Soccer Field	15
Friendship Park (Santa Ana)	Duchess Ln.	0.040 (.10)	Playground	16
El Salvador Rec Center (Santa Ana)	1825 W. Civic Center Dr.	4.5 (11)	Baseball Fields (2), Basketball Courts (2), Soccer Field, Handball Courts (2), Picnic Area, Playground, Pool, Com-munity Center	17
Pacific Electric Commemorative Area (Garden Grove)	Trask Ave. & Newhope St.	0.227 (0.56)	Benches, paths	18
River View (Santa Ana)	1800 W. 22 nd St.	48.6 (120)	18-Hole Public Golf Course, Clubhouse, Maintenance Facilities	20
Morrison Park (Santa Ana)	Sherwin Ln. & N. Flower St.	2.02 (5.0)	Baseball Field, Tennis Courts (2), Basketball Court, Play-ground, Picnic Tables (5), Open Turf	21
Eldridge Park (Santa Ana)	Fallbrook Dr. & SR-22	0.49 (1.2)	Open Turf	22
Hart Park (Orange)	701 S. Glassell St.	18.49 (45.7)	Baseball Fields (3), Swimming Facility, Tennis Courts (2), Playgrounds (2), Restrooms, Office, Picnic Tables (105)	24
Yorba Park (Orange)	Yorba St. & Chapman Ave.	3.24 (8.0)	Closed	25

Figure 3.10-1
CITY/REGIONAL PARKS AND GOLF COURSES
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F. RIVER VIEW PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

This golf course is a full-service, 18-hole course located near the Santa Ana/Orange boundary. The 48.6-hectare (120-acre) golf course includes a clubhouse, driving range, and maintenance facilities, and extends south within the Santa Ana River channel from the southern boundary of SR-22. The rainy season often renders the course unplayable because a number of holes are located within the Santa Ana River and are often flooded with storm flow and runoff for extended periods of time. The surrounding land use is predominately residential except for a business complex on The City Drive near the northwestern boundary. The Santa Ana River Trail extends along the western boundary of the course.

G. COLONEL WILLIAM W. ELDRIDGE PARK

This park is also referred to as Fallbrook Park and is located adjacent to the I-5/SR-22 interchange. The site was developed as a park with undevelopable land after I-5 improvements. The park is 0.49 hectare (1.2 acres) with open turf areas and landscaping. The surrounding land use is predominately single-family residential with the SR-22/I-5 connector marking its immediate northern boundary.

H. SANTIAGO PARK

Located in the city of Santa Ana at 2535 North Main Street, this park incorporates several trails, which are used for biking, hiking, and general exercise. The 9.3-hectare (23-acre) park also includes a baseball diamond, an archery range, a small playground, a picnic area, four tennis courts, a lawn bowling area, a log cabin-style recreation room, a day camp, and restroom facilities. The Santiago Creek channel borders the park on the north. Beyond the channel are commercial uses. South of the park are residential neighborhoods.

I. HART PARK

Hart Park is an 18.49-hectare (45.7-acre) park located in the city of Orange, at 701 South Glassell Street, south of SR-22 along Santiago Creek. The park is heavily used and has several community facilities and services managed by both the City and County of Orange. There are three baseball fields, a swimming pool, two tennis courts, a playground, picnic areas with approximately 105 tables, restrooms, two community service buildings, and several open space areas. Adjacent to both the northern and eastern boundaries are single-family and multi-family residential communities. SR-22 borders the park on the south and commercial and residential uses are located west of the park. The parking lot and access road are located within the channel for Santiago Creek. The park is sometimes inaccessible in the rainy season due to high water flows.

J. YORBA PARK

This park is a 3.24-hectare (8.0-acre) park located on the corner of Chapman Avenue and Yorba Street in the city of Orange. The Yorba Park fields have been closed to the public due to high concentrations of methane gas found at the site. Park officials are in the process of remediating the site (Jones, 2000).

K. WILLOWICK MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

This course is a full-service, 18-hole public golf course located on Fifth Street in the city of Santa Ana. This 40.9-hectare (101-acre) golf course has restrooms, a clubhouse, and a driving range. The course is bordered by the former Pacific Electric right-of-way on the northeast. The surrounding land uses consist of single-family and multi-family residential units, including mobile homes. The Santa Ana River extends along the course's eastern boundary, with an intermediate school across the river.

L. SPURGEON PARK

This park is located adjacent to Spurgeon Intermediate School and the Santa Ana River. Located on West Fifth Street in Santa Ana, the park shares its facilities with the adjacent school campus providing two baseball diamonds, a softball diamond, one multipurpose field, a grass area, two basketball courts, two handball courts, and two children's play areas.

3.10.2 Trails

Table 3.10-2 lists existing and proposed trails within the study area, regardless of function (transportation or recreation). A discussion is provided on the trails that would be directly affected by the project. The existing and planned trails are designated as class I, class II, and class III trails. A class I trail is within a separate right-of-way designated for exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians, with cross flows by motorists minimized. A class II trail is within a restricted right-of-way designated for exclusive or semi-exclusive use of bicycles, with through traffic by motor vehicles or pedestrians at crossings. A class III trail is within a right-of-way designated by signs or permanent markings and shared with pedestrians and motorists. Trails within the study area are shown on Figure 3.10-2.

Table 3.10-2
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS
Within 0.8 kilometer (0.5 mile)

Name	Location	Current Jurisdiction	Class
Los Alamitos/Coyote Creek Channel Trail*	Seal Beach/Los Alamitos	Long Beach, Los Angeles County, Orange County	I
Seal Beach Boulevard	Seal Beach	Seal Beach	II
Lampson Avenue	Seal Beach, Rossmoor, Garden Grove	Seal Beach, Garden Grove, Orange County	II
Trask Avenue	Westminster	Westminster	III
Trask Avenue	Garden Grove	Garden Grove	II
Hoover Street	Westminster	Westminster	II
Memory Lane	Santa Ana, Garden Grove	Santa Ana, Garden Grove	II
Santiago Creek	Santa Ana, Orange	Santa Ana, Orange (City)	I
Cambridge Road	Orange	Orange (City)	II
Santa Ana River Trail	Santa Ana	Santa Ana, Orange County	I
Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (Proposed)	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	I
Fourth Street	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	II
Grand Avenue	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	II

Note: *Currently listed in Los Alamitos *General Plan* as an existing class I trail. Proposed future general plan amendment calls for no further jurisdictional involvement in these locations.

A. LOS ALAMITOS/COYOTE CREEK CHANNEL

This trail is an existing class I trail located along the Los Alamitos Creek/San Gabriel River channel at the western boundary of the I-405/I-605 interchange near the Orange County/Los Angeles County boundary. This trail is well maintained and extends from Long Beach to Seal Beach. The Cities of Long Beach and Los Alamitos, as well as the Counties of Orange and Los Angeles, acknowledge the trail and provide management and maintenance. Although currently providing service, the City of Los Alamitos is proposing future general plan amendments to sever existing ties to the management and jurisdictional involvement of the trail.

Figure 3.10-2
Trails
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B. HOOVER STREET TRAIL

The Hoover Street Trail is an existing class II trail located in Westminster. It runs along the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way boundary that runs parallel to Hoover Street, between the northbound and southbound lanes. The trail links the cities of Westminster and Garden Grove and crosses SR-22 just west of Beach Boulevard.

C. SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL

The Santa Ana River Trail is an existing class I trail that runs parallel with the Santa Ana River Channel. This regional trail extends over 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Pacific Coast Highway to Riverside County. The trail has a series of well-designed overcrossings and undercrossings, keeping it continuous and separated from existing traffic. The trail consists of both paved (pedestrian, bicycle) and unpaved paths (equestrian, emergency vehicle) and has concrete, rip-rap, and grouted rip-rap channel banks.

D. SANTIAGO CREEK TRAIL

This trail is an existing class I trail that runs parallel with the Santiago Creek channel. This trail links Santiago Park to the west with Santiago Regional Park in Villa Park. It is a well-maintained unpaved regional trail that is easily accessible by numerous arterials throughout its alignment.

E. PACIFIC ELECTRIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TRAIL

The Pacific Electric Right-of-way Trail is a proposed class I trail along the former Pacific Electric right-of-way. The Santa Ana *General Plan* designates the entire Pacific Electric right-of-way as open space and has a specific plan for development of a class I trail along the existing right-of-way (Santa Ana, 1998).

3.10.3 Schools with Recreational Facilities

Public schools within 1.5 kilometers (0.5 mile) of the SR-22/West Orange County Connection that contain recreational facilities are listed in Table 3.10-3 and shown on Figure 3.10-3. Further discussion of the schools directly adjacent to the existing corridor is provided below.

All schools within the study area are “closed campuses.” That is, they can only be accessed by the general public with specific authorized consent of school officials. This includes all aspects of the property including recreational and athletic facilities. The California Civic Center Act states the guidelines by which school facilities public use is granted. Section 40041 of the California Civic Center Act states:

(A) There is a civic center at each and every public school facility and grounds with the state where the citizens, parent-teachers associations, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scout troops, farmer's organizations, clubs, and associations formed for recreational, educational, political, economic, artistic, or moral activities of the public school districts may engage in supervised recreational activities, and where they may meet and discuss, from time to time, as they may desire, any subjects and questions which in their judgement pertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic, and moral interests of the citizens of the communities in which they reside.

(B) The governing board of any school district may grant the use of school facilities or grounds as a civic center upon the terms and conditions the board deems proper, subject to the limitations, requirements, and restrictions set forth in this article.

The fact that all campuses within the study area are closed, does not prevent their use for recreation. Softball and soccer leagues, model airplane clubs, individual joggers, and other users regularly participate in recreational activities on these campuses, with or without authorization.

Table 3.10-3
SCHOOLS WITH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
Within 0.8 kilometer (0.5 mile)

Name	Location	City/District	Map Ref. No.
Lee Elementary	11481 Foster Rd.	Rossmoor/Los Alamitos	1
Weaver Elementary	11872 Wembley Rd.	Rossmoor/Los Alamitos	2
Hopkinson Elementary	12582 Kensington Rd.	Rossmoor/Los Alamitos	3
Sequoia Elementary	5900 Iroquois Rd.	Westminster/Westminster	7
Fryberger Elementary	6952 Hood Dr.	Westminster/Westminster	8
Edgar Elementary	6202 Cerulean Ave.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	4
Barker Elementary	12565 Springdale St.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	5
Garden Park Elementary	6562 Stanford Ave.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	6
Schmitt Elementary	7200 Trask Ave.	Westminster/Westminster	9
Meairs Elementary	8441 Trask Ave.	Garden Grove/Westminster	10
Anderson Elementary	8902 Hewitt Place	Garden Grove/Westminster	11
Bolsa Grande High	9401 Westminster Ave.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	12
Sunnyside Elementary	9972 Russell Ave.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	16
Excelsior Elementary	10421 Woodbury Rd.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	17
Jordan Secondary Learning Center	9915 Woodbury Rd.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	14
Cook Elementary	9802 Woodbury Rd.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	13
Mitchell Elementary	13451 Taft Ave.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	19
Jordan Intermediate	9821 Woodbury Rd.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	15
Woodbury Elementary	11362 Woodbury Rd.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	18
Peters Elementary	13162 Newhope St.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	21
Lincoln Education Center	11262 Garden Grove Blvd.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	20
Santiago High	12342 Trask Ave.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	22
Clinton-Mendenhall Elementary	13641 Clinton St.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	25
Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary	13221 Lilly St.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	23
Lampson Elementary	13321 Lampson Ave.	Garden Grove/Orange	24
Doig Intermediate	12752 Trask Ave.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	26
Riverdale Elementary	13222 Lewis St.	Garden Grove/Garden Grove	27
West Orange Elementary	243 S. Bush St.	Orange/Orange	31
Fairhaven Elementary	1415 E. Fairhaven Ave.	Santa Ana/Orange	32
Palmyra Elementary	1325 E. Palmyra Ave.	Orange/Orange	33
La Veta Elementary	2800 E. La Veta Ave.	Orange/Orange	34
Spurgeon Intermediate	2701 W. Fifth St.	Santa Ana/Santa Ana	28
Fremont Elementary	1930 W. Tenth St.	Santa Ana/Santa Ana	29
Carver Elementary	1401 W. Santa Ana Blvd.	Santa Ana/Santa Ana	30

A. BOLSA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL

Bolsa Grande High School is located on Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove, directly east of Garden Grove Park and south of SR-22. The campus includes ten tennis courts, a football stadium, a baseball field, and an open turf area.

B. JORDAN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Jordan Intermediate School is located on Brookhurst Street, in Garden Grove. The campus includes two multi-purpose fields, eight basketball courts, eight handball courts, a small area for chin-up and parallel bars, and two tennis courts.

C. JORDAN SECONDARY LEARNING CENTER

Jordan Secondary Learning Center is located on Woodbury Road, in Garden Grove. The campus includes one playground, two basketball courts, two volleyball courts, and two swing sets.

D. SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sunnyside Elementary School is located north of Trask Avenue and west of Brookhurst Street in Garden Grove. The campus serves as the headquarters for the Southwest Garden Grove Little League. Little League facilities include a large baseball diamond with dugouts, four auxiliary diamonds, a snack bar, bleachers, and an announcer's booth. In addition to the Little League facilities, the campus has two basketball courts, six tetherball courts, one volleyball court, two ball walls, three swing sets, two slides, and two horizontal bars with ladders.

E. EXCELSIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Excelsior Elementary School is located on Woodbury Road, between Glendora and Ward Streets, in Garden Grove. The campus includes one blacktop area, a multi-purpose field with two backstops, two full basketball courts, one half-basketball court, three ball walls, three swing sets, and chin-up and parallel bars.

F. MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mitchell Elementary School is located on Taft Avenue in Garden Grove. The campus includes a playground, a softball field, outdoor basketball courts, monkey bars, and tetherball courts.

G. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Eisenhower Elementary School is located on School Drive, between Lilly Street and Roxley Drive, in Garden Grove. Facilities on this campus include six basketball courts, one multi-purpose field with a baseball diamond, three handball courts, three swing sets, two slides, two sets of monkey bars, four tetherball courts, and a kinder-yard with swings, jungle gym, and blacktop area.

H. FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fairhaven Elementary School is located south of SR-22 on Fairhaven Avenue in Santa Ana. Facilities at this campus include one baseball diamond, a ball wall, one jungle gym, eight swings, and three basketball courts.

I. SPURGEON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Spurgeon Intermediate School is located on Fifth Street, adjacent to the former Pacific Electric right-of-way and the Santa Ana River, at Fairhaven Street in Santa Ana. The school shares facilities with Spurgeon Park. These facilities include a football field surrounded by a track, two baseball diamonds, a softball diamond, one multi-purpose field, a grass area, two basketball courts, two handball courts, and two children's play areas.

Figure 3.10-3
Schools with Recreational Facilities
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